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Dramatic scene, **FAKE GUN**

A girl in a kabuki mask stands in the intersection at Portage and Main Tuesday morning. REDDIT/WEEBLESWOBBLES

POLICE

Officers who tackled teen commended



Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Winnipeg police say officers who tackled a masked teenager standing with a gun to her head at Portage and Main Tuesday handled the volatile situation perfectly.

"As a deputy chief I must say that the restraint, the bravery, and the actions of those officers today is exemplary," said Deputy Chief Gord Perrier late Tuesday afternoon.

Around 9:50 a.m. nine police units including a tactical support team descended on the historic intersection where the girl wearing a white kabuki-style mask stood with a gun pressed against her head.

Within the next four minutes, the girl removed the mask, attempted to walk away with the gun in her hand, was taken down by a tactical officer and arrested.

Perrier said he reviewed images from the dramatic scene on social media and met with the officers involved.

"(They) were very critical in their evaluation of the people

around the intersection, what firing their weapon may mean for people in the surrounding area," he said, adding that to their knowledge, the girl was holding a loaded handgun.

After the situation had been de-escalated police learned that the firearm was fake, but the officers approaching her with their own weapons drawn didn't learn that until it was over.

Perrier said neither officers nor the girl fired.

"That's not a situation anyone wants to be put in, officers universally don't like those types of situations," Perrier said.

"That presented a lot of factors... from what's behind an individual to other members of the public, to traffic concerns, to distance, to weapons.... It was a very dynamic situation and those officers made split-second decisions that should be commended."

Police were unable to talk about the girl's mental or physical states of health, or address what motivation she may have had as it could pertain to personal health information and involved a person younger than 18.

Perrier said determining her motivation and wellness is "one of the primary things (police) are looking at" and something police "would be leaning towards from both an investigative standpoint and from a care standpoint."

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LOUISE BRIDGE

Replacement won't be part of RT route: City

Replacing the Louise Bridge in its current spot is needed regardless of where a new transitway connecting Winnipeg's downtown to Transcona crosses the Red River, according to the city.

Currently, the early stages of planning are underway for the city to build the next corridor of its bus rapid transit line, which involves a study of the potential route options.

Two of the proposed routes would see the eastern transit line cross the Red River either through Old St. Boniface or Point Douglas on what could be a replacement Louise Bridge along its current alignment, or more to the east.

The city points out, however, the Louise Bridge and new transit crossing will likely not be the same structure.

In the bid document to hire a consultant for the route study, the city outlines the extension of Stadacona Avenue — which Higgins Avenue turns into after the Louise Bridge — is an important transportation link that needs developing.

"This can't be done without the Louise Bridge replacement being near the existing alignment," the document reads.

"A Louise Bridge on or near the existing alignment may be able to accommodate a link to the future northeast transit corridor but it may not be a logical component of the eastern transit corridor."

If the city selects the option where the new transit line were to cross the Red River in Point Douglas, the document says it may do so using a more direct connection from Higgins to Narin, just east of the Narin Overpass.

"This still doesn't replace the requirement for a Louise Bridge near the current alignment," it reads.

Over the next year, a consultant will be tasked with preparing a design study on replacing the 110-year-old Louise Bridge with the idea being for city council to OK the plan, and then decide to proceed with more design work.

Mayor Brian Bowman said on Tuesday he wants to wait and see what city staff recommends in terms of the best route for the new bus corridor.

Meanwhile, Transcona Coun. Russ Wyatt believes the city should decommission the Louise Bridge and convert it into a pedestrian and cycling route, similar to the Elm Park Bridge near The Bridge Drive-In ice cream shop.

"It's a classic-looking bridge," Wyatt said of the Louise on Tuesday.

"It'd be a shame to lose her."

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

110

The Louise Bridge is 110 years old.



The new program announced Tuesday, aimed to prevent the sexual exploitation of children in public places, will roll out in three stages, beginning first with city pools, and then extending to libraries and recreational centres. STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

Child exploitation targeted at city pools

AWARENESS

Program first of its kind in Canada: Mayor



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

New signs will soon start popping up in Winnipeg pools, libraries and recreation centres as part of a public awareness campaign to protect children from online exploitation.

The city will partner with the

Canadian Centre for Child Protection to roll out the new initiative, which was officially announced at the Pan Am pool Tuesday.

Signy Arson is the director of Cybertip, a national tip line for the reporting of online sexual exploitation of children, and says the centre not only receives information about child pornography, but also hears tips about the recording of kids in public places.

"For the offending community, children don't have to be nude for them to be aroused by these shots," she told reporters on Tuesday.

"We know that these facilities

attract individuals who want to have access and be around children."

The new program will roll out in three stages, beginning first with city pools and then extending to libraries and rec centres.

From now on pool visitors will see new posters, urging anyone to report suspicious behavior to staff, such as strangers taking cellphone pictures of children.

Other parts of the new program will include introducing new training protocols to pool employees and updates to the methods of incident reporting.

A risk assessment of public

facilities will also be carried out.

Mayor Brian Bowman touted the new plan as a first-of-its-kind partnership between a municipal government and the national centre, which is based in Winnipeg.

"In my previous career as a lifeguard getting through my undergrad, we had incidents that involved concerns over patrons and children," he told reporters on Tuesday.

"And that was pre-cellphone."

Noni Klassen, the centre's director of education, said anyone who spots suspicious activity at a city pool should tell staff immediately.

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REVIEWS

Three Fringe plays worth seeing

CBC Manitoba and Metro Winnipeg bring you the best of the Winnipeg Fringe Festival. Here are three shows you should definitely check out, as reviewed by CBC Manitoba's team of intrepid fringers.

1 A Midsummer Night's Dream

I was late to the game, only seeing the Knavish Hedgehogs for the first time last year. Please learn from my mistake and see them sooner rather than later. It's Shakespeare, so they're starting with rock solid material.

There are some solid performers absent from last year, but the new bloods hold their own. But I have to single out someone — the comic timing of Miranda Baran is an absolute delight. I don't think I've ever laughed so hard watching this play. This is a sure thing.

— BRADLEY SAWATZKY

2 Papa Squat

Paul Strickland has brought from Kentucky a minor miracle to the Winnipeg Fringe.

Sweet, sensitive and funny is the story of Papa Squat and Rue Morhazit, residents of Big Fib trailer park.

Strickland's characterizations are seamless and hilarious, channeling his Uncle False

like Charlie Farquharson with a Tom Waits sensibility.

Strickland saves the bitter-sweet revelation to the very end, and if you leave without moist eyes you are a cold one indeed. Remember, "not being in awe of a miracle is uppity."

— JOHN SADOWAY

3 Icarus

Leave it to Fringe vet Rob Gee to craft a moving, funny and engrossing story about a guy who thinks he's Ramses II.

This is the third instalment in what the former psychiatric nurse says is his trilogy of solo shows about mental illness. Here we follow Simon, a bipolar patient in a mental hospital who suffers delusions of grandeur. When Simon makes a break for it, a series of other characters are drawn into his unique world.

It would be easy enough to play Simon for laughs, and there are plenty. But there's a deeper point to be made about the desperate tragedy of mental illness, and how we treat those who suffer from it.

My only quibble is that I'd like to see Gee's characters played a little more distinctly. But his performance is, as usual, energetic and likeable. Icarus, in the end, soars.

JOFF SCHMIDT/CBC MANITOBA

SAYING GOODBYE

Winnipeg's biggest park to screen final Hip concert

It's another way to say goodbye to Canada's favourite band. One day after the West End Cultural Centre announced they would screen the Tragically Hip's final concert, Assiniboine Park says they'll do the same.

The Tragically Hip announced a final tour

earlier this year after lead singer Gord Downie was diagnosed with terminal cancer. They will be promoting their current album, *Man Machine Poem*.

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 20. The show will be projected on a 27-foot LED screen on the Lyric Stage and the event will be free.

METRO

Innovator talking trash with officials

SANITATION

New truck sterilizes city garbage bins in 45 seconds



Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

A couple of Winnipeggers who built a machine to combat stinky trash bins will demo the sanitation-creation for city officials next week.

Wayne Bennett, who hails from England where back-lane garbage carts are sanitized, said it struck him as odd that it wasn't common in Canada.

"It's something that's kind of in a grey area, it's not the city's responsibility ... it's not the responsibility of the waste management company, it's not something residents are doing themselves," he said. "But it's a dirty job — the bins are full of bacteria, they absolutely stink, they're gross."

Bennett said he considered buying a prefabricated truck capable of going from place to place cleaning stinky trash receptacles, figuring it would be a decent business, but didn't find anything that was perfect.

"So basically what we've done is we've designed and built a mobile pressure washing truck that sterilizes, cleans and deodorizes garbage and recycling bins and dumpsters," Bennett said. "We believe we are the only ones in Canada that have a machine that can do both (bins and dumpsters)."

The frame of the machine he's dubbed the "Bin-to-Bin"



This Facebook user said his bins "look like brand new" after Bin-to-Bin was through with them.

FACEBOOK/ERIC ROEDER

cleaning system is a heavy-duty Ford F350 truck chassis with a custom fabricated wash bay he had built in Starbuck, Man., and a lifting mechanism on the flatbed deck.

With that, Bennett says he can sanitize a garbage bin in 45-90 seconds.

"We can wash a residential bin with approximately six to eight gallons of water that is then recycled, sterilized, and reused continuously," he said. "We wash them at 185 degrees Fahrenheit and 3,000 PSI."

He estimates people at-

“it's a dirty job — the bins are full of bacteria, they absolutely stink, they're gross.”

Wayne Bennett

tempting the feat on their own use upwards of 50 gallons of water and take longer than 20 minutes, plus since the water usually isn't as hot

or pressurized, "wouldn't even get rid of the odour" and also contributes to toxic wastewater.

He said another business in Winnipeg is capable of cleaning residential garbage containers, but without talking trash noted only Bin-to-Bin can help businesses, condos and apartment complexes with stinkin' dumpsters.

He said next week his meeting with the City of Winnipeg at the water and waste plant might be a chance to get a contract with the city.

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Accused had affair: Witness

BABY REMAINS CASE

Court also hears Andrea Giesbrecht had 10 abortions

A Winnipeg woman accused of concealing the remains of six infants in a storage locker was having a long-term affair and concealed the fact she was pregnant, a former friend testified Tuesday.

Lyn Burdett told Andrea Giesbrecht's trial the 42-year-old had been seeing her boyfriend for a few years and, on one occasion, used Burdett as cover when she wanted to spend the weekend with him.

"She told her husband she was going to (Minnesota) with me" but she was actually going to her boyfriend's house, Burdett told court.

It wasn't made clear in court when the alleged affair took place.

Asked under cross-examination whether she felt bad about abetting Giesbrecht to go off with her boyfriend, Burdett said no because Giesbrecht



A photo from April 18 in Winnipeg, presented by the prosecution as evidence in the trial of Andrea Giesbrecht on Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

“She told her husband she was going to (Minnesota) with me.”
Lyn Burdett

"said so many bad things about her husband."

Tuesday's testimony was the first mention of substantial marital strife between

Giesbrecht and her husband, Jeremy.

Giesbrecht was arrested in October 2014 after the remains were found in plastic

pails, bins and other containers in a U-Haul storage locker she had rented. The judge-only trial has already heard it is unclear how long the remains had been there, but some were very decayed.

Medical experts have testified that the infants were at or near full term and were

likely born alive. DNA evidence suggests the remains are linked to Giesbrecht's husband and a sample taken from a soiled sanitary napkin inside the Giesbrecht home.

The trial has also heard that Giesbrecht had 10 legal abortions between 1994 and 2011.

Burdett, who first met Giesbrecht at a casino in 2000, joined a list of other witnesses who said Giesbrecht appeared to hide at least some of her pregnancies.

Giesbrecht had talked about being pregnant in 2006 and losing the baby, Burdett said. But in 2009, Giesbrecht appeared to again be pregnant — "probably about six months," Burdett said.

"She just said she was gaining weight. I thought she was pregnant though."

Under cross-examination, Burdett admitted she has no proof Giesbrecht was pregnant but was adamant that it was the only plausible explanation for the weight gain.

Another witness told court Tuesday that Giesbrecht concealed her pregnancy with her first son until after he was born in 1997. THE CANADIAN PRESS

INVESTIGATION

Taser incident to be probed

The use of a Taser electronic stun gun by Winnipeg police during the arrest of a break-in suspect will be probed by the Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba. A man was sent to hospital when he suffered injuries while being taken into custody at a north-end home early last Wednesday morning.

Police have said the homeowner called them about someone smashing planters.

When officers arrived, the suspect had forced his way inside and was hiding in a closet.

They said a Taser was used when he resisted arrest.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

RCMP investigating death

Morris RCMP say they're investigating the death of a 54-year-old woman.

Danny Vanooosten, 56, was arrested at the scene and is charged with second-degree murder.

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POLITICS

PM to create youth council

Justin Trudeau is asking youths ages 16 to 24 to help shape the future of Canadian policy.

Trudeau unveiled his plans for a Prime Minister's Youth Council on Twitter on Tuesday in a live question-and-answer session.

"I'm looking forward to showing young people and showing all Canadians that young people's voices and input matter deeply," he said in a video posted on Twitter ahead of the Q&A session.

The non-partisan council, Trudeau's own initiative, will provide input on national issues such as employment, education and climate change. The council will meet with the prime minister in person in October, and again in 2017.

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Justin Trudeau

Wynne wants to talk pot with fellow premiers at meeting

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Ontario leader plans to ask for counterparts' stances, advice

As Canada's provincial and territorial leaders gather for their annual summer conference, Premier Kathleen Wynne wants the inside dope from her colleagues about legalized recreational marijuana.

"I can tell you I'm going to ask people what they're thinking about it," Wynne said.

Her comments come as Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government prepares to end the prohibition of marijuana.

Trudeau has appointed former deputy prime minister Anne McLellan to lead a task force of medical and legal experts to consult with provinces, municipalities, and Canadians before releasing a report in November that will serve as the template of next year's

legislation.

While marijuana is not on the meeting's formal agenda, Wynne said there will be "opportunities for us in casual conversation."

"I'll certainly be saying, 'How are you guys dealing with this? You know what I'm saying; what are you saying?'"

Here's where some of her fellow premiers stand on the subject of marijuana:

BRITISH COLUMBIA Premier Christy Clark has expressed concern on the effects of weed on children and teenagers.

"We need to make sure that young people whose brains are growing, will not be allowed unfettered access to getting marijuana," Clark told Global News in December. "Just like we have with alcohol ... (if) it's something that government is prepared to endorse and allow, we should make sure that the rules are very clear that we don't want young people to be using it," she said.

NOVA SCOTIA Premier Ste-



Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne THE CANADIAN PRESS

phen McNeil's government has a working group examining the issue, including whether weed should be sold at government-owned Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation stores.

"Canadians are asking for it, Canadians believe it's time

to have marijuana legalized," McNeil said in April, noting "I'm sure there will be tax revenue, yes."

QUEBEC Premier Philippe Couillard's government, which owns the Société des alcools du Québec monopoly,

has said it does not want marijuana sold on SAQ shelves.

Finance Minister Carlos Leitao said in February that they have "no plan, no idea, no intention of commercializing" cannabis.

MANITOBA Premier Brian Pallister said in April that legalization is "a concern for parents, it's a concern for all ... that this be done properly."

SASKATCHEWAN Premier Brad Wall's government, meanwhile, has three of his cabinet ministers studying how legalized weed will affect road safety.

"I don't think we have clear answers on the potential effects on driver safety and what the plan is to prevent impaired driving due to marijuana use," Wall said in May.

"There are still too many accidents and deaths due to drunk drivers and all governments are taking steps to crack down on that. Legalizing marijuana could certainly mean more impaired drivers, which no one wants," he said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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Trump nominated amid plagiarism controversy

U.S. ELECTION

Campaign insists no evidence of misconduct

The plagiarism accusations centre on Monday night's well-received speech by Republican nominee Donald Trump's wife, Melania Trump. Two passages — each 30 words or longer — matched a 2008 Democratic convention address by Michelle Obama nearly word-for-word.

Trump's campaign managed only to keep the controversy alive on Day 2 of the convention by insisting there was no evidence of plagiarism, while offering no explanation for how the strikingly similar passages wound up in Mrs. Trump's address. The matter consumed news coverage from Cleveland, obscuring Mrs. Trump's broader effort to show her husband's softer side.

Democrat Hillary Clinton



Passages of Melania Trump's speech matched a 2008 speech by Michelle Obama nearly word for word. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

pounced on the tumult, saying the Republican gathering had so far been "surreal," comparing it to the classic fantasy film Wizard of Oz.

"When you pull back the curtain, it was just Donald Trump with nothing to offer to the American people," Clinton said.

Top Trump adviser Paul Manafort said the matter had been "totally blown out of proportion."

"They're not even sentences. They're literally phrases. I was impressed somebody did

their homework to think that that could be possibly done," Manafort said.

In the midst of the plagiarism allegations, Republicans officially nominated Trump as their presidential standard-bearer, capping the billionaire businessman's stunning takeover of the GOP and propelling him into a November faceoff with Democrat Hillary Clinton.

"I will work hard and never let you down!" Trump quickly wrote on Twitter following the roll call vote.

Trump's campaign hoped the formal nomination would both end the discord surging through the Republican Party and overshadow the convention's chaotic kickoff, including the plagiarism charge involving Melania Trump's address on opening night.

There were flurries of dissent on the convention floor as states that Trump did not win recorded their votes, but he far outdistanced his primary rivals.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Delegates hold signs and celebrate during the second day of the Republican National Convention on Tuesday in Cleveland. The convention nominated Donald Trump as their presidential nominee.

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He's armed against the 'fascist policies'



STEVEN GOETZ
METRO'S
REPORTER IN
CLEVELAND

All day Tuesday, media swarmed around Micah Naziri, who openly carried an AR-15 assault rifle through the streets.

Naziri said he came to town from his home in Yellow Springs, Ohio, "to protest and oppose Donald Trump's proposed fascist policies."

"The message I want to send is that if anyone attempts to unconstitutionally and illegally create a fascist police state in the United States, they will be resisted," Naziri said.

While Naziri answered Metro's question, another man badgered him over his head covering, asking if he was a Muslim. Naziri smiled and calmly refused to answer, insisting it was a distraction from the purpose of his protest.

He compared Trump's campaign to Adolf Hitler's in 1932: "His rhetoric was very much like Trump's, and in the beginning no one took him seriously."

"There are such large numbers of Trump supporters saying awful things about depriving large groups of people of their constitutional and human rights," he said. "This is something that should be bothering anyone who believes in freedom."



Micah Naziri
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TURKEY

Government fires teachers and others they say helped coup

Asserting that "all the evidence" points to a U.S.-based Muslim cleric as the mastermind of last week's failed coup, Turkey's government on Tuesday fired tens of thousands of teachers, university deans and others accused of ties to the plot and demanded the cleric's extradition.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan raised the issue in a phone call with U.S. President Barack Obama, and his spokesman said the government was preparing a formal extradition request for the cleric, Fethullah Gulen. But he also suggested that the U.S. government shouldn't require the facts before extraditing him.

"A person of this kind can easily be extradited on grounds of suspicion," said the spokesman, Ibrahim Kalin. "And there is very strong suspicion for his involvement, for Gulen's involvement, in this coup



People wave flags in support of the Turkish president in Istanbul on Tuesday. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

attempt. So this is sufficient ground."

Later, White House spokesman Josh Earnest said that Turkey had submitted materials related to Gulen and the administration was reviewing

whether they amounted to a formal extradition request. Earnest added that a decision on whether to extradite would be made under a long-standing treaty between the two countries, and wouldn't be made

by Obama.

Gulen has strongly denied the government's charges, suggesting that Friday's attempted coup could have been staged as a pretext for the Erdogan government to seize even more

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Tuesday's dismissals touched every aspect of government life.

The latest purges were intended to blunt the influence of Gulen, an Erdogan rival who has been in self-imposed exile in Pennsylvania since the late 1990s and whom the government has long accused of being behind a "parallel terrorist organization."

The government announced the firing of nearly 24,000 teachers and Interior Ministry employees and demanded the resignations of another 1,577 university deans.

power.

"It is ridiculous, irresponsible and false to suggest I had anything to do with the horrific failed coup," the cleric said in a statement on Tuesday, accusing Erdogan of going to "any length necessary to solidify his power and persecute his critics."

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GERMANY

Axe attack was 'revenge' on 'infidels'

A 17-year-old Afghan asylum-seeker vowing "revenge on these infidels" went on an axe-and-knife rampage on a train in southern Germany, wounding five people before being shot and killed by police — an attack that German authorities conceded Tuesday was almost impossible to prevent.

German officials didn't identify the attacker or the victims, but Hong Kong's immigration department said among those wounded were four members of a family of five from the southern Chinese city.

At least one member of the Chinese family and another woman attacked outside the train were in life-threatening condition, according to Bamberg prosecutor Erik Ohlenschlager.

Daesh claimed responsibility for the Monday night train attack, which came less than a week after the Bastille Day truck attack in Nice, France, also claimed by Daesh, in which 84 people were killed.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD ON MELANIA'S PERFORMANCE

Spousal speeches are intended to humanize candidates. But Donald Trump is committed to a singular, flat caricature. Depth is the antithesis. Humanizing him is the exact opposite of the goal.

It was either 24 hours of a hot Melania mess, or one more checked box for the Trump campaign.

Either Melania Trump has been humiliated after her Republican convention speech echoed, at times word for word, sections of Michelle Obama's historic 2008 endorsement of her husband, or her speech had more in common with My Little Pony (according to a Republican party strategist) and, anyway, she "hit it out of the park," according to Trump's chief campaign strategist, who may or may not have been responsible for the speech.

Plagiarism allegations aside, Melania Trump offered a relatively flawless execution. Pundits and news outlets politely did not mention the occasional misuse of English. Many seemed careful — if not keen — to help Melania save face for mispronunciations she can't help, while giving a speech she was loath to make.

Nothing's gained from pointing out a few misplaced S's, they calculated. But then again, many pundits suggested nearly nothing at all was gained from the speech. It floated along with empty phrases ("He loves this country so much"), instead of feeding the expectation that we might learn anything interesting or intimate at all about Melania or her husband.

Spousal speeches are intended to humanize candidates, like an exclusive interview with People magazine (You might be surprised to hear it, but Mr. Hotstuff simply hates kale!), and pun-

A sexy, subservient and substanceless Melania suits the 1950s-white-America nostalgia of Trump's campaign just fine.

dits weren't feeling they got enough tidbits about Trump's morning bed hair or that one special moment when the facade fell down and he seemed vulnerably human.

But that should not surprise us. As we learned again this week from Trump's The Art of the Deal ghostwriter, Tony Schwartz, Trump adores the strongman image. He's

"Women for Trump" event Monday, in which speakers were forced to ask themselves questions because the turnout was so low.

It may have worked. As reported by Julia Ioffe in Politico magazine, Republican women ate Melania right up. They loved the dress, they loved her "elegance." They hate Michelle Obama — in-



ACCORDING TO PLAN Melania Trump waves after addressing delegates as her husband, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, applauds during the Republican National Convention on Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

obsessed with the attention, and the myth. He's committed to a singular, flat caricature. Depth is the antithesis. Humanizing him is the exact opposite of the goal.

It's also doubtful that "Men for Trump" (an actual campaign button sported at the convention) need to see a human, anyways. The demonstrably false image of an omniscient, unimpeachable, and alpha male demagogue seems to be selling just fine.

But women are viewed differently. They are seen to need some kind of soft touch, and given Trump's abysmal polling among that half of Americans, Melania was also expected to help bring the ladies on board. This goal makes further sense given the

sight that was offered without prompting from Ioffe — and were glad to think that, under Melania, "the White House will go back to what it used to be." Besides being beautiful, one cooed, "she's submissive to her husband." Their comments about an outspoken, inelegant Michelle were more subtle examples of the racism and xenophobia on display through the convention's first day, a hum of joyous anger where delegates treated various speakers' anti-immigrant and anti-Islam messages like scripture.

But the darkest atmosphere descended upon mention of one name: Hillary Clinton. It was a viscous sound. Deep and rumbling. Even across the airwaves into a Canadian

apartment, it gave me chills. Imagine being hated that much, I thought. The crowd sounded bloodthirsty, as if, were Clinton to actually arrive, all hell literally could break loose. At its height, a mother of an American government staffer killed in the Benghazi attack whipped up calls for Clinton's imprisonment. And when the plagiarism accusations took over the news cycle Tuesday, it was Clinton who many blamed for seeding the story.

That, of course, is silly. But no Trump fan would mind. What the Melania-speech scandal shows is exactly what we should have learned by now: The narrative, not the truth, is what drives Donald Trump's presidency bid. A sexy, subservient and substanceless Melania suits the 1950s-white-America nostalgia of Trump's campaign just fine.

Clinton is a perfect target for their teeth-gnashing both because she advocates for all the progressive changes wrought since then, and also because she's strong-armed her way out of that traditional wifely role. The sexism that haunted her 2008 bid has gone nowhere. It's actually quite at home — even amplified — in Cleveland. There, hating her for Benghazi hit ludicrous heights, because she's doubly hated as a woman who's defied her traditional role.

This convention has already been dubbed a "horror show" of D-list celebrity speeches, failed insurrections and plagiarism. But that's by people who it was never meant to entertain.

The true unknown in this election is the size of the nominee's target market: those who are susceptible to Trump's messaging, to his persona, to his empty promises. This whole week will be about them.

And that's what makes it all so frighteningly grave.



Bring home Canadian man trapped in Egypt

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All three of us have spent substantial time in Egypt's most notorious prisons among thousands of people arbitrarily detained — activists, journalists and regular citizens, Egyptian and non-Egyptian. Tireless advocacy and political lobbying finally helped bring us home, but we left behind those who weren't as lucky.

One of those prisoners is Canadian permanent resident Khaled Al-Qazzaz, a philanthropist, educator, husband and father, whose wife and four children are all Canadian citizens, and who now faces life-threatening injuries as a result of his imprisonment. We believe that the Liberal government under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau can bring him and his family home.

Like many people who are arbitrarily detained, Khaled was not charged with a crime. He was arrested in 2013 and spent hundreds of days in solitary confinement. He was kept in the adjacent cell to Mohamed Fahmy, a journalist with Al Jazeera at the time. As Khaled will surely tell you, it's the sheer physical loneliness that's toughest to deal with, the feeling of being cut off from family and friends. He and Mohamed tried their best to console each other as they dealt with this feeling.

An international campaign, spearheaded by his wife, Sarah, and amplified by thousands of supporters, finally managed to force the Egyptians to release Khaled in late 2014. Khaled's children, excited to see their father after years apart, travelled with their mother to Egypt. The first priority: to get Khaled to a Canadian hospital, where he could finally be treated for a

life-threatening spinal ailment acquired in prison.

The family finally got to the Cairo airport, hoping to fly to Canada together, only to be told by Egyptian officials that Khaled is on the country's no-fly list. Sarah and her kids can leave, but Khaled has to stay. Devastated, they all chose to remain in Cairo. The Egyptian authorities confiscated the money Sarah saved for her husband's spinal treatment, and even froze the family's business assets in Egypt, leaving them financially crippled.

We ask that Prime Minister Trudeau put himself in Khaled's position. What would he do? Would he choose to keep his family close and live under constant threat or would he choose to send his family back home and be cut off from them yet again?

The prime minister can end this nightmare by making a call to President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi. Yet the prime minister has delegated his responsibility to his junior ministers. Why? Releasing us did not hurt Canada-Egypt relations. Releasing Khaled won't either.

Trudeau has not brought Khaled home, though he has announced \$30 million in grants to Egypt with millions more to come.

Khaled and his family can get home if our prime minister makes the call.

John Greyson is an associate professor at York University

Mohamed Fahmy is a Canadian-Egyptian journalist

Tarek Loubani is a physician

All three were held in Egyptian jails without just cause.

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GENDER ISSUES

Females fighting for place on craft brewing scene

There's no doubt about it — the craft beer industry is booming. The number of licensed breweries in Canada has grown 70 per cent over the past five years. Craft beer sales in Ontario have more than doubled in the same timeframe. In B.C., sales have tripled.

However, even with the boom, there are few women working in the industry, particularly as brewers and in positions of leadership.

And, no, it's not because men drink all of the beer. Women account for 30 to 40 per cent of craft beer consumption. Plus, historically, beer was almost solely produced and sold by women. It wasn't until the Industrial Revolution, when financial opportunities were realized, that the industry shifted.

During a recent craft brewers' panel discussion, Ellen Bounsall, one of the founders of McAuslan Brewing in Montreal said only two women in Canada were involved in brewing when the craft beer industry started in the '80s.

And while there are no hard statistics about the number of



Erin Kloos, brewer at Grand River Brewing in Cambridge, Ont. says like in many professions, women have to work harder to break into the craft brewing industry. KATHERINE WISSENZ

women working in the industry in Canada today, it does appear to be slowly on the rise.

CBC recently reported three female head brewers in B.C., of 120 craft breweries. Niagara College offers a brewing program where eight to 22 per cent of the students are female each year. So, while there are no longer just two female brewers in Can-

ada, the industry is still male dominated.

"I think you have to acknowledge that there are disparities between men and women in the brewing world," says Erin Kloos, brewer at Grand River Brewing in Cambridge. "You see it everywhere in society, women have had to work harder to break into sports, politics, business

and essentially every other field, so what would make the beer industry any different?"

Being a woman working in a "man's world" has its share of challenges. Kloos says she's gone to brew planning meetings where the immediate opinions are "to go light, fruity, figure-fitting and spritzzy" when creating something for female consum-

ers. "Most of the beer-drinking women I know, love and appreciate the darkest, hoppiest, booziest stuff we've got," she says.

However, the problems don't stop there. Female brewers have shared stories on everything from inappropriate jokes and sexual propositions to not receiving the same respect and acknowledgement in the workplace as their male counterparts.

Garnet Siddall, president of Side Launch Brewing in Collingwood and vice chair of Ontario Craft Brewers acknowledges there has been limited progress made so far. "The women that have joined have done so because they love the industry despite the issues in it," she says. "Any progress has come because of the individuals who have forged their way bravely into the mix. And they haven't always had a warm welcome."

Ken Beattie, executive director of the B.C. Craft Brewers Guild, which is run by an entire male board, declined to comment, but offered several names of B.C. female brewers.

However, the women working in the craft beer industry have recognized the need to support their peers and have created various groups and events to do so, such as International Women's Collaboration Brew Day, Barley's Angels and the Society of Beer Drinking Ladies.

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KLOOS' PICKS

"I'm a huge fan of **Steamworks**, headed by Julia Hanlon out in Vancouver," says Kloos. "Not only for the awesome recipes she has developed, but also for the atmosphere in the brewery."

"Nicole Hynes from **Sweetgrass Brewing** in Toronto is developing some delightfully current brews," says Kloos. She's also a fan of **Side Launch** and **Garrison Brewing Co.** in Halifax.

Craft Brewers is also developing a strategy to support women in the industry. "We need to address the issue, admit there is one and collect some basic data. We need a baseline from which to measure our progress," says Siddall.

"Then we need to figure out what the specific problems are. Marketing? Hiring? Education? Work environments? What exactly is it that is preventing women from entering the field that they created? Once that basic legwork is done then we can begin to address them."

"Very basic stuff, but we have to start somewhere."

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RECIPE

Keep your cool this summer with quick-cooking vermicelli

Your city keeps issuing heat alerts. You want something that won't heat up your tiny kitchen — filling, but light enough that it won't make you sleepier than the heat does.

This quick vermicelli dish is for you.

These thin noodles made from rice are a staple at Asian grocers, but large supermarkets stock them to appeal to the Asian population (as well as the gluten-free crowd).

The noodles come in different shapes, from the broad, flat noodle used in pho to the thin, hairlike strands used in stir fries. It's the latter that you want for this recipe.

These thin noodles take just a minute or two to cook when submerged in hot water, meaning minimal cooking time.

When tender, rinse the noo-

dles under cold running water to stop the cooking process and turn them into a cold dish. Toss noodles in whatever vegetables you have, firm tofu cubes (seared or cold), fresh mint leaves to give it a cool herbal note, and a splash of sweet chili sauce for flavour.

Match the delicate texture of the rice noodles by shredding or slicing vegetables very thinly and by dicing the tofu into small cubes.

This way, every bite with have equal parts noodle, vegetable and protein rather than a big hunk of carrot with a few strands of vermicelli hanging off it.

Cold vermicelli with tofu and vegetables

Serves 1

Make this on a hot evening after



You can toss this dinner together, no sweat. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

a long day at work, or scale up the recipe and a colourful array of vegetables, proteins and herbs for a beautiful and tasty group meal.

Ingredients:

- 1 handful dried thin rice noodles (vermicelli)
- 1 tsp (5 mL) olive oil
- 1 cup (250 mL) bite-sized firm tofu cubes
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) chopped

green beans

- Sweet chili sauce, to taste
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) grated carrot
- 5 to 6 cherry or grape tomatoes, halved
- 1/2 avocado thinly sliced
- Fresh mint leaves, to garnish

Directions:

1. In a large heatproof bowl, submerge rice noodles in boiling water, swirling noodles until tender, about 1 minute. Drain and rinse under cold water, making sure strands don't stick together. Set aside.

2. In a medium skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil. Sauté tofu cubes and green beans until both start turning golden brown.

3. In a serving bowl, toss tofu and beans with noodles, chili

sauce, carrot and tomatoes. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Top with avocado and mint. Serve immediately.

Alternative herbs: If fresh mint isn't available, try basil and cilantro as they match the Thai flavours of the sweet chili sauce. Just make sure to chop the herbs finely if the leaves are really big.

More topping ideas: Treat the noodles as a base and the rest is up to you. Opt for crunchy vegetables to contrast the texture of the soft noodles: grated raw beet, zucchini ribbons, chopped green onion, diced peppers. Peanuts and cashews also add crunch and a nuttiness that complements the sauce.

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TREND**Celery — the veg that gets no credit**

When Master Chef judge Graham Elliot was asked to name the most underused vegetable, his reply was immediate: Celery!

"I love it for the crunch, and for its slight bitter edge," says the celebrated Chicago chef and restaurateur.

"You can juice it, shave it into salads, pickle it, garnish a cocktail, make stock ... there are so many things you can do with celery," says Elliot, "and it's inexpensive."

Fellow cookbook author Barbara Kafka agrees, calling celery "massively ignored except in chicken soup or tuna salad."

She could have added Ants on a Log, the popular kid's snack of celery sticks stuffed with peanut butter and dotted with raisins.

The sturdy green stalks weren't always so unloved. During Medieval times, wizards believed celery seeds could help them fly. And celery leaves, which most of us discard, were woven into garlands found in the tomb of Egyptian pharaoh Tutankhamen.

We can probably thank the French for forcing us to buy a bunch of celery every time we



Some chefs claim celery is 'massively ignored' except for soups or stews. ISTOCK

make a soup or stew. In a mirepoix (soffritto in Italian), chopped celery is sautéed gently with onions and carrots for a flavourful base. The leaves are also bundled into a bouquet garni with bay leaves, parsley and thyme sprigs to flavour stock.

Now that meals have morphed into an all-day graze, celery is a superstar. Its portability and refreshing crunch — it's actually 95 per cent water — makes it an ideal snack. As Elliot says, crunch away! TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

FOOD BRIEFS**Inception a wine for all**

While every wine label tells a story some are way more War and Peace than they are a haiku. Take the 2012 Inception Deep Layers Red (\$13.95-\$14.99) for example. You'd think being made in the beautiful Stellenbosch region of South Africa from an inspired blend of Shiraz, Petit Verdot and Mourvèdre would be enough of a tale to encourage you to pick up a bottle.

Though it has nothing to do with the wine's creation or taste, Distell, its creator, has built a whole narrative around its name through its front panel. Resembling an artsy tattoo, Inception's label is a graphic cornucopia starring Adam and Eve surrounded by tree branches loaded with hidden images.

Aimed squarely at millennials, it proved a hit with the more mature crowd I hang with at a recent barbecue.

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There's a full-scale Viking invasion set to overthrow Gimli this August long weekend.

The annual Icelandic Festival of Manitoba is coming to Gimli July 29 through Aug. 1 and as well as all the usual fun — including the must see Viking battles — this year's festival will shine a spotlight on Manitoba's deep connection to the Nordic country, says festival spokesperson, Jenna Boholij.

"This year's theme is celebrating New Iceland," says Boholij, the festival's second vice president and chair of marketing. "We have the largest population of people of Icelandic descent outside of Iceland here and New Iceland refers not only to the area of Manitoba where many Icelanders settled but also the unique Icelandic community and culture that has grown here over the years."

New Iceland is what immigrating Icelanders called the area around Lake Winnipeg when roughly 20,000 — about a quarter of Iceland's population at the time — starting settling in the region in 1870.

The full story of New Iceland will be told in the festival's Icelandic Culture and Heritage Pavilion, where festival goers can also pick up Iceland-inspired arts and crafts, clothes, and

traditional baking.

The Icelandic Festival of Manitoba is the second oldest continuously running ethnic festival in North America — the first edition was held in Winnipeg on Aug. 2, 1890 — and after 127 years organizers know a thing or two about what brings festival goers back year after year.

That's why festival favourites like the parade, the Viking Village and battles, the Wonder Shows Midway, free live music, Saturday Nite at the Pier, Music on the Rooftop, and the Alternative Folk Festival will also be returning this year, says Boholij.

"The best part is that for the most part everything is free and, at a maximum, it's low cost," she says.

Look for the festival's free app available for Apple and Google devices that will help festival goers plan out their trip and includes a feature that will teach users how to pronounce Icelandic words and phrases, like *Íslendingagurinn*, the festival's name in Icelandic.

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Dirty Catfish Brass Band have pop tunes covered

Ever wonder what Taylor Swift or Justin Bieber would sound like if they were a 10-piece New Orleans brass band?

Winnipeg's Dirty Catfish Brass Band answers question with their latest album, launching at a CD release concert at the Park Theater July 27.

"It's a six-track EP and they're all covers of pop tunes we've chosen to do our own arrangements of," explains Kyle Wedlake, who plays the tenor sax in the band. "We've been doing a lot of covers for videos we were putting up on YouTube and we've been having a lot of success with that."

When one of those videos — a cover of Taylor Swift's Shake it Off — garnered just shy of 250,000 views, the band decided they were on to something and started work on the full album of covers.

DIRTY CATFISH BRASS BAND ARE AMAZING, THEY'RE HIGH-ENERGY AND I THINK THEY'RE ONE OF THE BEST THINGS COMING OUT OF WINNIPEG RIGHT NOW

— Erick Casselman,
Park Theatre owner

"We thought it was project that we could arrange pretty quickly," says Wedlake of the follow up to the band's 2014 debut, Brass Riot. "In the winter we'd began to focus on a second full-length of original material but wanted to take more

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time with that so this allowed us to put that on a bit of a looser timeline and still have a project ready to put out for the summer."

As well as covering Bieber and Swift, the album includes original arrangements of music by Walk the Moon, Janelle Monae, Vulfpeck, and Winnipeg's own The Guess Who.

Dirty Catfish Brass Band fill Park Theatre's stage with Graham Dion on baritone and alto sax, Todd Martin on mellophone and harmonica, Andrew Littleford and Simon Christie on trumpet, Joel Green on trombone, Aaron Chodirker on the keys, Cody Iwasiuk on drums, Scott Senior on percussion, and Steve Oberheu on sousaphone and electric bass.

The large band is no stranger to the Park Theatre — they headlined the venue's New Years Eve party last year and are set to do the same this year — and owner Erick Casselman says the band is always a big draw for the South Osborne staple.

"They're amazing, they're high-energy and I think they're one of the best things coming out of Winnipeg right now," says Casselman. "I can't say enough about those guys, we absolutely love to have them."



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Tim Nutt brings his witty weirdness to Winnipeg

Don't bother asking Tim Nutt why people think he's funny.

Not only does the Kelowna-based standup comedian not know — he has no interest in ever finding out.

"I don't completely understand it, and I try very hard not to understand it in case it suddenly stops working if I ever figure it out," laughs Nutt over the phone from British Columbia. "It's like when you were a little kid and you wanted to know how the clock radio worked and it was super easy to take apart but really hard to put back together again.

"To be honest, I've always found it very remarkable that anybody laughs at my weirdness."

Nutt will be in Winnipeg performing at Rumor's Restaurant and Comedy Club July 19-23. It's a stop he's made a number of times over his more than 20-year career, and one he says he's always happy to make.

"One of the most fun and well-run comedy clubs in the entire country is Rumor's, and the Winnipeg audience has always been great to perform in front of," he says. "I don't know what it is — there's a Winnipeg sensibility — I don't know if it's the harsh winters or what it is, but they've always been just outstanding crowds. They get the smart

Ready to see his standup show?

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stuff and they enjoy the dumb stuff."

Rumor's general manager Tyler Schultz says audiences are usually surprised by the sort of funny Nutt brings to his stand-up routines, and that's part of what keeps Winnipeggers coming back to see him.

"The funny thing about him is he looks like a homeless person, but he's so cerebral in his act," says Schultz. "He's very observational... like I say, he looks like a big hillbilly but he's very witty."

"You'd think he's going to be doing Larry the Cable Guy's jokes, but it's actually quite the opposite."

Nutt argues he doesn't look homeless — he describes himself as more of a Charlie Manson or an aging biker type — and says he'll be bringing some new material with him to Winnipeg.

"I'm a story-telling type of comedian," he says. "So a lot of it's just sort of what's on my mind."

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REVIEW

Already handsome sedan ups its game



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Some people will tell you midsize sedans don't sell anymore; that they're a dying breed pushed aside by the popularity of the crossover.

Those people are what I like to call "wrong." Sure, crossovers are a big deal these days, but midsize sedans are nothing to scoff at either, with close to three million sold in North America each year.

Which brings us to the 2016 Mazda6. It's not the newest midsize sedan on the market, but it may still hold the title as the best looking — and one of the best in the business.

It's rare that a design language translates so well to so many different forms, but Mazda has accomplished that with its current lineup. Park the 6 alongside any other model in Mazda's stable and the family ties are immediately evident. The few character lines the sedan does have tie in nicely with its muscular shoulders.

Little has been done to the exterior of Mazda's flagship sedan for 2016, save for a revised grille design, while cars in GT trim, like our tester, add LED headlights, fog lights and grille illumination, but the changes only add to

the esthetic appeal of an already handsome sedan.

Of all the cars in the midsize segment, the Mazda6's interior, at least in GT trim, comes closest to encroaching on premium car territory. And it's inside where the most work has been done for this model year, with a host of changes made to improve the cabin's feel and function.

Mazda's Heads-Up Cockpit concept is executed to perfection here, with a driver-focused interior that puts all the controls well within view and reach. The in-dash infotainment screen has been replaced with a freestanding unit à la Audi and Mercedes-Benz, lowering the height of the dash, while the move to an electronic parking brake, a first for Mazda, cuts down on console clutter and makes room for what matters. And what matters is the new infotainment control knob, which proves easy to use while driving, though its functionality is wisely — though at times frustratingly — limited while the vehicle is in motion.

To describe the Mazda6's drive as engaging tells only part of the story. The chassis is nice and stiff and the suspension borders on sporty, but it's pliable enough to make for a comfortable ride.

The only engine available is a 2.5-litre four-cylinder, which is a bit disappointing considering what the 6 could be with a larger engine — and considering the class-leading Honda Accord is available with a V6 available under the hood.

Overall though, the Mazda6 Grand Touring hits all the marks that are sure to keep this segment rolling along for years to come.

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THE CHECKLIST | 2016 MAZDA6

THE BASICS

Engine: 2.5L turbocharged four-cylinder
Power: 184 hp, 275 kg/m
Transmission: Six-speed manual; six-speed automatic
Fuel Economy: 8.5 L/100 km city, 5.9 L/100 km hwy (automatic w/i-ELOOP)
Price: \$37,390 (as tested)



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- Impressive cabin quietness
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Jaguar XF goes tornado chasing

Jaguar has teamed up with a U.S.-based tornado chaser, sending him into the thick of things with a new Jaguar XF. "Tornado Tim" Baker was given an XF for a late-season chase that led him on a 3,220-kilometre long expedition across seven different states until he eventually caught up with a category EF 0 (97 to 113 km/h winds) tornado, about two hours outside of Chicago. "It took us a while to track one down, but when the weather map delivered, the car did too," said Baker. "The navigation and in-car Wi-Fi, which allowed us to connect our multiple devices, worked brilliantly in the chase. The all-wheel-drive capability was also excellent as we travelled through rain and floods on loose gravel roads," he said.

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Workers may get robot glove

General Motors wants to be the first company to test a new robotic glove that should help factory workers assemble cars by reducing grip fatigue. GM has licensed its RoboGlove technology to a Swedish medical technology company called Bioservo Technologies. The original RoboGlove, which was developed by GM and NASA, took nine years to create and was sent into space in 2011.

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BMW13

'Spaghetti Car' as ridiculous as it sounds

BMW and longtime partner Toilet Paper have created the BMW i3 "Spaghetti Car." The German automaker was quick to clarify that the BMW i3 Spaghetti Car isn't an official BMW Art Car, and will be destroyed sometime after the Rencontres d'Arles Festival of Photography that runs until Sept. 25. Toilet Paper is a bi-annual avantgarde picture-based publication and brand created by artist Maurizio Cattelan, and together with Pierpaolo Ferrari, the BMW i3 Spaghetti Car was born.

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What Koenigsegg staff drive

WORKPLACES

Swedish supercar superstars show appreciation

Stephen Elmer
AutoGuide.com



Koenigsegg builds some of the fastest and most meticulously constructed cars on the planet, but what do they drive home after a long day at work?

Koenigsegg staff recently gathered for a family day where they were invited to bring their loved ones and prized vehicles to show off. As you may expect, it is clear that a lot of workers at the Swedish supercar company are passionate about automobiles based on what they choose to drive. And no, they're not all Saabs!

A love

for American muscle is clearly shared among the Swedish workers, who brought a 1969 Camaro SS, a last-generation Mustang, a Ram 1500 and even an older Mercury. More than a few of the cars are custom tuned as well, with one employee sporting a Nissan 200SX with more than one horsepower per kilogram.

And if you're wondering what CEO Christian Von Koenigsegg drives, he's on record gushing about his Tesla Model S and how he thinks it's better than the BMW M5.

Koenigsegg CEO Christian Von Koenigsegg loves his Tesla Model S.



CUSTOM CAR
Easily one of the best custom upgrades seen was a kid's toy turned car carpet, installed in a nice-looking Opel Kadett.



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Ariel Atom eyes hybrid powertrain from Acura NSX

The head of Ariel, Simon Saunders, recently spoke about next-generation Atom models and how the British automaker plans to keep up with changing times. Saunders confirmed in the past that Ariel had investigated the possibility of using hybrid powertrains from Honda, but discovered that none were powerful enough, until now.

With the introduction of the NSX and its new hybrid setup, Ariel sees possibilities for its small track terror.

Saunders also believes that the powertrain will become more affordable once Honda adopts the technology throughout its range of vehicles.

"The technology in the NSX is cutting-edge and expensive, but it will work its way down the food chain to the hot hatches," he said. "At that point, it becomes achievable for us to use in the Atom."

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The San Francisco Giants have signed former Jays pitcher Kyle Drabek to a minor-league deal with the intention of auditioning him as a shortstop

5 STAR ATHLETES WHO COULD MISS OUT

Russia is facing a possible ban from next month's Olympics in Rio de Janeiro for its repeated doping scandals. If the ban is imposed, it would shake up the medal standings. Here are five Russian stars whose absences would be greatly felt:

1 Nataliya Ishchenko

With three Olympic and 19 world championship gold medals to her name, Ishchenko typifies Russia's total domination of synchronized swimming — it's won every Olympic event this century. If no Russians compete in Rio, China and Spain would fight for the two gold medals on offer.



2 Yelena Isinbayeva

The world record holder in the pole vault and a two-time Olympic gold medalist, Isinbayeva would compete at her fifth games in Rio, but she faces extra obstacles to get there. Russia's track and field team is already banned from the games due to widespread doping, and Isinbayeva's hopes rest on a successful appeal at the Court of Arbitration for Sport.



3 Aliya Mustafina

She led the Russian gymnastics team which narrowly failed to beat the U.S. to gold in the women's all-around in 2012 and also won individual gold in the uneven bars. While Mustafina has been plagued by injuries since, she bounced back with two European championship gold medals last month. Russia has arguably the world's richest tradition of excellence in gymnastics, and if its athletes aren't in Rio, the U.S. and China will benefit in the medal table.



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4 Yulia Efimova

One of the world's top breaststroke sprinters, Efimova spearheads the Russian swim team for Rio despite previous brushes with the anti-doping authorities. She bounced back from a drug ban to win 100-metre gold at last year's world championships in a fiercely competitive race with her longtime rival, Lithuanian teenager Ruta Meilutyte. Efimova missed four months this season after testing positive for meldonium.



5 Maxim Mikhaylov

Top scorer when Russia won the men's volleyball competition at London 2012, Mikhaylov would be a formidable opponent in Rio. Host nation Brazil had to settle for silver four years ago but is fired up for a gold medal in front of its home crowd.



GOLDEYES

Carl dominant on the mound for Fish

The Winnipeg Goldeyes are surging through the month of July, continuing their strong play Tuesday night with a 7-1 rout of the league-leading St. Paul Saints in front of 4,881 at Shaw Park.

Carried by strong starting pitching and timely hitting, the 32-26 Fish are winners of six of their last seven contests and 11 of their last 15.

Starter Edwin Carl was rolling on a humid Winnipeg night, holding the Saints hitless until Aaron Gretz stroked a fifth-inning double to ruin the righty's no-no bid. Carl cruised to the victory tossing a one-hitter through 6-2/3 to improve to 5-5 on the season.

Edging up to 7-1/2 games

TUESDAY at Shaw Park



back of the North Division-leading Saints (40-19), the Fish are now neck-and-neck with the Laredo Lemurs for the American Association wild card, with Laredo losing 3-2 against Gary Tuesday night.

On Wednesday night the Goldeyes hold their third annual Ukrainian Celebration with a full night of festivities commencing outside Shaw Park one hour prior to the 7:05 p.m. first pitch. DARRIN BAUMING/FOR METRO

CFL

Harris on top after 28-of-31 Week 4

Trevor Harris continues to make the Ottawa Redblacks look good on the field and shrewd in the front office.

For the third time in four weeks, the Redblacks quarterback has been named one of the CFL's top performers. Harris set a new single-game completion percentage record (minimum 30-plus attempts) with 90.3 per



cent after completing 28 of 31 passes for 392 yards in a 30-20 win at Toronto on Wednesday. Harris also ran in a TD.

Ottawa signed Harris in the off-season to back up 41-year-old Henry Burris, last year's CFL outstanding player of the year.

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OLYMPICS

IOC reviews legal options on Russian ban

With just over two weeks until the opening ceremony, Russia still doesn't know whether its athletes — all or even some — will be competing in the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. It may all come down to the lawyers.

While the IOC decided Tuesday to ban from the Rio Games all Russian Sports Ministry officials and other administrators implicated in allegations of a state-run doping program, it delayed a ruling on whether to take the unprecedented step of barring the entire Russian Olympic team.

The International Olympic

Committee said it "will explore the legal options with regard to a collective ban of all Russian athletes for the Olympic Games 2016 versus the rights to individual justice."

The IOC has also said it could let individual international sports federations decide on whether to ban Russians from their events in Rio, just as the

IAAF has done by ruling track and field athletes from the Games. The 28 international federations that govern the individual sports at the summer games have made clear that they do not support a blanket ban.

The IOC's legal options may become clearer after Thursday, when the highest court in sports will rule on an appeal by 68

Russian track and field athletes seeking to overturn their ban from the Games.

Two-time Olympic pole vault champion Yelena Isinbayeva was among those arguing the Russian track and field team's case Tuesday in Geneva at the Court of Arbitration for Sport. Should the court rule Thursday in their favour, it would seemingly rule out the chance of the IOC imposing a blanket ban.

If the court upholds the IAAF's exclusion of the track athletes, however, that would keep the possibility of a total ban in play. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



The Olympic movement, which is a tremendous force for uniting humanity, once again could find itself on the brink of division.

Russian President Vladimir Putin

IN BRIEF

Mets hang on to beat Cubs

Jeury Familia escaped a bases-loaded jam with a game-ending double play after Rene Rivera drove in the tiebreaking run with two outs in the top of the ninth, lifting the New York Mets over the Chicago Cubs 2-1 on Tuesday night.

Rivera had the third single in the ninth — following hits by Loney and Asdrubal Cabrera — off Hector Rondon as the Mets beat the Cubs for the fifth time in six games after sweeping them in last year's NL Championship Series.

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WWE served concussion suit

More than 50 former professional wrestlers sued World Wrestling Entertainment Inc., saying the company is responsible for repeated head trauma including concussions they suffered in the ring that led to neurological damage.

Jimmy (Superfly) Snuka, Joseph (Road Warrior Animal) Laurinaitis and Paul (Mr. Wonderful) Orndorff are among the plaintiffs who filed the lawsuit Monday in federal court in Connecticut. Stamford-based WWE denies the allegations.

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RECIPE Salmon and Zucchini Skewers



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Rich, Asian flavours elevate this simple and healthy meal to something elegant enough to serve to guests.

Ready in
Prep time: 25 minutes
Total time: 35 minutes

Ingredients

- 1 tsp grated ginger
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 2 Tbsp rice wine vinegar
- 1 Tbsp sesame oil
- 3 filets of salmon
- 2 or 3 small zucchinis

Directions

1. Soak wooden skewers in water for at least 20 minutes.

2. Whisk together the ginger, soy, vinegar and sesame oil. Place salmon filets in the marinade for 20 minutes

3. Remove the salmon from the marinade and cut the filets into chunks — maybe 1 x 2 inches — and set aside. Slice the zucchini into rings and toss in the marinade quickly. Thread the fish and veggies onto the wooden skewers.

4. Preheat your grill or grill pan to medium high and wipe the grill with oil. Place the skewers over the heat and give each side about three minutes before turning. Serve these skewers over steamed rice or a bed of greens.

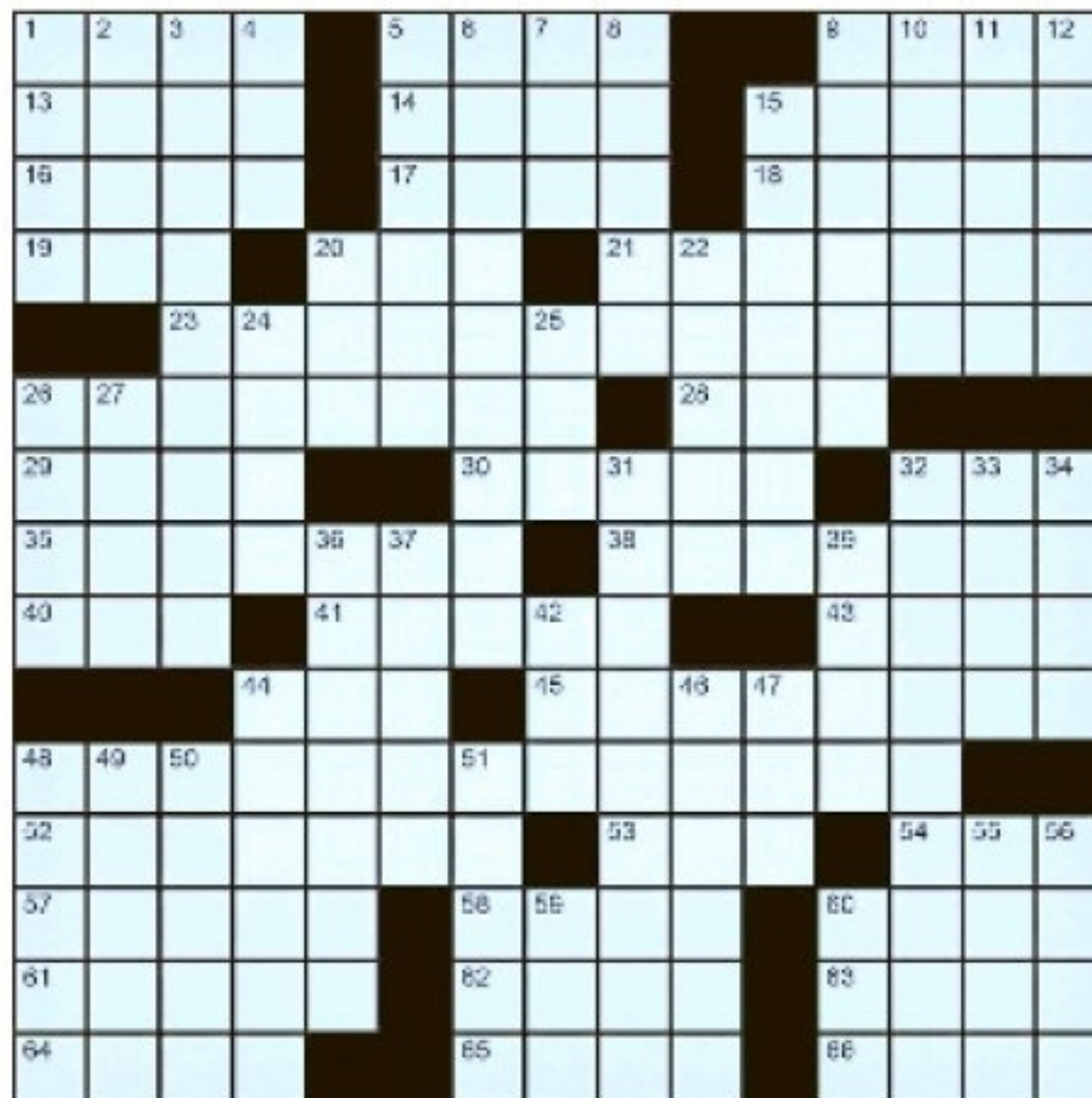
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1. Medical concern
5. Brother of Cain and Abel
9. Caught the traffic officer's attention
13. Courts
14. British singer Ella
15. "Monte _" (2011) starring Selena Gomez
16. Cheerful song
17. _ Admiral
18. _ oil
19. Fox's characteristic
20. Wanna _ (Aspirants)
21. One doing some spiffy-ing up
23. Professions of Johnny, Dutch and D'avin on the show at #45-Across: 2 wds.
26. Pantene and Selsun Blue field
28. Baseball great, " _ Wee" Reese
29. "Dancing Queen" band
30. Legendary Canadian heavy metal band
32. "Rubber Ball" singer Bobby
35. "La Strada" (1954) director Federico
38. Carnivore's completely carnivorous creation's content: 2 wds.
40. Football prop
41. Nobleman's home
43. "The ' _ 'e knows above a bit..." - Rudyard Kipling
44. Gnarly!
45. Interplanetary



- adventure series on Canadian specialty channel Space
48. Sockeye or Chinook: 2 wds.
52. The Turtles title song lady
53. _-relief
54. Gremlin
57. Ashton's "That '70s

- Show" character
58. Irish actor Mr. Meaney
60. Danish shoe brand
61. Oxford University college
62. Inkling
63. Quebec 'lakes'
64. 7th Greek letters

65. Fewer
66. Emerald _

DOWN

1. Pointed tools
2. Spring
3. Religious read: 2 wds.
4. Superlative suffix
5. _ Joy (Former tel-

- evangelist character in Margaret Atwood novel The Handmaid's Tale)
6. Looking into a computer screen too long woe
7. 1708 Attilio Ariosti opera, Amor _ Nemici

8. Pulitzer-winning journalist Seymour
9. Military greeting
10. Cost
11. Young eel
12. Getting-things-done people
15. Rock singer/songwriter Chris (Soundgarden and Audioslave)
20. Tampa Bay footballer, for short
22. Iris centre
24. Toothbrush brand, _-B
25. Languish
26. Knife handle
27. Have _ in one's bonnet
31. Fluctuating factors
32. Kirstie Alley sitcom, " _ Closet"
33. Simple
34. Sherbrooke 'summers'
36. "How silly of me to believe you ...yet again!": 3 wds.
37. Rock bottom
39. Magic'spell
42. Sanctions, shortly
44. Washes
46. Certain cud-chewers
47. Initials-sharers of The Bionic Man's portrayer
48. Tea, Orange _
49. Aware
50. Salsa singer Ms. Cruz
51. Mr. B. DeMille
55. Gladiator's 1250
56. Model
59. Poetic tribute
60. Inventor Mr. Whitney

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Aries March 21 - April 20
This is a good day to discuss the care and education of children. It's also a good day to lay the groundwork for social or sports events.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You might see ways to make practical and beautiful improvements to where you live. What can you do to make your home run more efficiently and beautifully?

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Serious discussions with others will go well today. This is a good time to make plans for the future when talking to siblings, relatives and neighbors.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If shopping today, you might find things that are both practical and beautiful. Meanwhile, this is an excellent day for business and commerce, because you see secure ways of making money.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Today you are realistic about protecting what you own. If shopping for clothing you will buy practical, long-lasting and beautiful items.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you work alone or behind the scenes today, you will be amazed at your accomplishments. That's because you are goal-oriented and willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Listen to good advice from someone older or more experienced. In particular, this applies to discussions about the arts, the entertainment world and the hospitality industry.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will impress parents, bosses and people in authority with your ideas today. They see that you take your obligations seriously, and that you see many angles to things.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
It's easy to study today, because you want to learn something new. Furthermore, you will take your time to plow through something dry and tedious to get what you want.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This is an excellent day to smooth troubled waters about inheritances or disputes about shared property. Both parties will see ways to arrive at a mutually beneficial agreement.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Sit down with a close friend or partner and discuss the obligations of the relationship. You can solve problems today; people understand what is realistic.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You can get a lot done at work today, because co-workers are cooperative. In addition, you will see practical ways to elegantly do things. Bravo!

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